

### CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please **CANCEL** claims 15-20.

Please **AMEND** the claims as follows:

1) (Currently Amended) A pier assembly for supporting a structure, comprising:

a pier driven into an earth ~~adjacent to~~ in proximity with a footer supporting said structure;

a pier cap stabilizer shaft mounted to a top end of said pier ~~shaft~~, wherein a top portion of said pier cap stabilizer shaft extends above a bottom surface of said footer, wherein the top portion of said pier cap stabilizer shaft is mounted to said footer;

a shelf mounted to ~~on a side of~~ said pier cap stabilizer shaft ~~with gussets~~; and

a screw jack positioned on a top surface of said shelf that adjustably extends between said shelf and the bottom surface of said footer.

2) (Original) The pier of claim 1, wherein said pier includes a helix mounted to a bottom end of said pier.

3) (Original) The pier of claim 1, further comprising a flexible bag containing structural material, said flexible bag positioned on a top surface of said screw jack under the bottom surface of said footer.

4) (Currently Amended) The pier of claim 1, wherein said pier cap stabilizer shaft is comprised of:

a shaft that extends over said pier;

a tube that slides over said shaft;

[[a]] said shelf mounted to the side of said tube; and

a pin that extends through said shaft and said tube, thereby locking said shaft to said tube.

5) (Original) The pier of claim 1, further comprising a plate that secures the top portion of said pier cap stabilizer shaft to said footer.

6) (Original) The pier of claim 1, further comprising a pin that extends through said pier cap stabilizer shaft, said pin rests against a top surface of said pier.

7) (Original) The pier of claim 1, wherein a pier cap is mounted to a bottom end of said pier.

8) (Currently Amended) A ~~structure~~ pier assembly for supporting a notched footer ~~the weight~~ of a building, comprising:

~~a footer supporting a structure;~~

a pier extending through ~~[[a]]~~ the notch formed in said footer down to a weight ~~bearing~~  
bearing layer of earth;

a rotatable shelf mounted to said pier, wherein said shelf extends away from said footer  
when said shelf is positioned on said pier and is rotated into position under a bottom surface of  
said footer;

a screw jack assembly positioned on said shelf and adjustably extending up to the bottom  
surface of said footer; and

a pin securing a top portion of said pier to said footer above the bottom surface of said  
footer.

9) (Original) The ~~structure~~ pier assembly of claim 8, wherein said pier is positioned vertically  
with respect to said footer.

10) (Original) The ~~structure~~ pier assembly of claim 9, wherein said pier further comprising a pier  
cap mounted to a bottom end of said pier.

11) (Original) The ~~structure~~ pier assembly of claim 8, wherein said pier further comprising a  
helix mounted to a bottom end of said pier.

12) (Original) The ~~structure~~ pier assembly of claim 8, wherein said shelf is mounted to a tube that extends over said pier.

13) (Original) The ~~structure~~ pier assembly of claim 12, further comprising a pin that extends through said tube securing said tube to said pier.

14) (Original) The ~~structure~~ pier assembly of claim 13, further comprising a shaft that extends over said pier, said tube extends over said shaft, wherein a pin extends through said tube and said shaft, thereby securing said tube to said shaft.

15-20) (Cancelled)

Please **ADD** the following claims:

21) (New) The pier of claim 1, further comprising a screw jack guide on said shelf to locate the placement of said screw jack on said shelf.

22) (New) The pier assembly of claim 8, further comprising a screw jack guide on said shelf to locate the placement of said screw jack on said shelf.

23) (New) A pier assembly for supporting a footer having a bottom surface, comprising:

a pier shaft;

a pier cap stabilizer shaft mounted to said pier shaft, at least a portion of said pier cap stabilizer shaft extending above the bottom surface of said footer, wherein said pier cap stabilizer shaft is laterally engaged with said footer;

a shelf mounted on to pier cap stabilizer shaft; and

a screw jack that adjustably extends between said shelf and the bottom surface of said footer.

24) (New) The pier assembly of claim 23, further comprising a helix mounted to said pier shaft.

25) (New) The pier assembly of claim 23, further comprising a pier cap mounted to a bottom end of said pier shaft.

26) (New) The pier assembly of claim 23, further comprising a screw jack guide on said shelf to locate the placement of said screw jack on said shelf